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ICE DEPORTS IRISH NATIONAL WANTED FOR MURDER

BOSTON—A 26-year-old man wanted for murder in Ireland was deported Wednesday to his home country of Ireland by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention and removal officers.

Jeremiah Ross was deported under escort and turned over to the proper authorities to face murder charges.

On Feb. 1, 2005, special agents of ICE arrested Ross and an associate, Cecil Anthony Lynch, 25, for being in the U.S. illegally. Both individuals entered the United States in March of 2003. They were granted temporary admission for 90 days. As noted on their arrival /departure records, both Lynch and Ross were required by law to depart the country no later than 90 days after entry, but they failed to do so.

ICE agents received information from the FBI that Lynch and Ross were illegal aliens living in the Boston area and that they were also wanted for murder in Cork City, Ireland. ICE, with the assistance of the FBI, Massachusetts State Police and Boston Police, were able to locate and arrest Lynch and Ross in Brighton, Massachusetts.

“A primary mission of ICE is to restore integrity to our nation’s immigration system,” said ICE Special Agent-in-Charge Robin M. Avers. “ICE works closely with law enforcement partners here and abroad to ensure wanted criminals are not able to exploit ‘good neighbor’ policy like the Visa Waiver Program in order to hide out in the United States. ”

Lynch is currently in ICE custody at the Plymouth House of Corrections pending removal from the United States.

The Office of Detention and Removal Operations (DRO), one of five ICE divisions, is responsible for promoting public safety and national security by ensuring the departure of all removable aliens from the United States through the effective enforcement of the nation’s immigration laws.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.